

# THE SOUTHWESTER

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## The Southwest Community Responds: Nearly \$40,000 Pledged Toward Waterside Mall and Waterside Study

By Mercedes Sandoval-Beene

**B**ecause the impact of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) move from Waterside Mall could profoundly jeopardize the economic stability of the area, the Southwest community is beginning to coalesce around concern for its own future as it has never had to.

"It's just like a military base closing," says Dr. Marc Weiss,

president of SWNA (Southwest Neighborhood Assembly) about the relocation of 4,500 federal employees. Southwest Washington was developed around the presence of the federal government," he said, and "it is unconscionable for the feds to leave our community in the lurch without plans to bring in a new agency." According to Margaret Feldman, chair of the SWNA Waterside Mall/Waterfront Task Force, "we want to make sure that local businesses and property values don't go down the drain when the EPA leaves. That is why the community is mobilizing around this grassroots effort."

In just a few days since the publication of the last Southwester, neighborhood community associations representing hundreds of homeowners have pledged more than \$8,000 toward the anticipated Urban Land Institute study of Waterside Mall and Waterfront redevelopment. Harbour Square, River Park, Tiber Island Co-ops, and Town Square Towers (700 7th Street) have each contributed \$2,000 qualifying them as official co-sponsors of the fundraising effort organized by SWNA. The Edgewater condominium association has weighed in as an official contributor, with a \$500 donation. Contributions from individual citizens total more than \$2,000.

Support for the future of the Southwest community has  
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### SWNA MEETING

There will be a SWNA meeting on Monday, Nov. 24th at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran

Church, 222 M Street, S.W. to discuss

up-to-date issues regarding The Waterside Mall and Urban Land Institute.

The staff of Southwester would like to wish you a Happy Holidays!!!! Look for the next issue in January.

**GET THE LATEST NEWS ON THE FUTURE OF WATERSIDE MALL AT THE SWNA COMMUNITY-WIDE MEETING, 7 P.M., MONDAY, NOV. 24 AT ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 3RD AND M STREETS.**

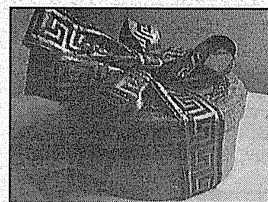
We'll be thanking those who are showing us the money and supporting the waterside Mall and Southwest Waterfront study. And, we'll be set up to collect your tax-deductible contribution. Come with your check payable to the Southwest Community Council. Or, mail your contribution to SWNA/Waterside Mall Project, P.O. Box 70792, Washington, DC 20024.

## DON'T MISS THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



Put on your overcoat, bring the gang and your camera to Water Street in Southwest on Saturday, December 6 for the Ninth Annual Festival of Lights. Approximately forty to fifty boats from the sixteen yacht clubs and marinas of the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers will be part of the Parade of Boats from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Washington Channel area of the Potomac. This year's event will be the biggest holiday display ever of decorated boats, slips and marinas. The parade route will run from Ft. McNair to the Fish market near the 14th Street bridge.

For best viewing, visitors should head for the restaurant levels of the Southwest Waterfront between 6th and 9th. The



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Green or Yellow Metro to L'Enfant Plaza and walk down the hill to the 9th St. area. Take the Green Line to Waterfront, just a short walk to Water and 6th Sts. area.

parade viewing area is free, but due to the uncertainty of the weather, visitors can make reservations at Pier 7, Hogates and Phillips restaurants, which will be offering hot drinks and dining specials for the parade hours. Hop a taxi, or get a bus or metro. Take a

**DECEMBER 6 PARADE OF BOATS STARTS 6 P.M.**

More on the Festival and Map to Waterfront and Stores on pages 6 & 7

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### The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is:

to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident; to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

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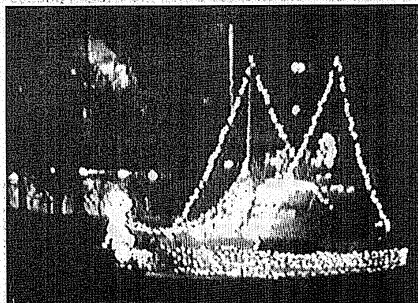
The Washington Waterfront Association, representing the businesses of Southwest in the waterfront area, is sponsor and host for the events. Forty to fifty boats are expected to participate this year.

The D.C. Fire Patrol boat, the John H. Glenn, will lead the parade as it cruises the Washington Channel. As he has done in other years, Fireman Henry Schneider, of the Harbor Fire Dept. unit, will be at the helm dressed as Santa Claus.

\$1,000 in prizes, plus gift packages of dinner and brunch cruises on Spirit and Odyssey lines, hotel weekends, ski weekends, dinner for two at three restaurants, free weekend dockage and theater tickets for a group will be awarded to boat

owners having outstanding decorations in the judged competition.

Business members of WWA donated the prizes for the December 6th Festival Parade and the Pier of Lights Decorating Competition which will take place on December 14th. They include the following: the Channel Inn, Hogates, Spirit Cruises, Arena Stage, Loew's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel Washington, Loew's L'Enfant Annapolis, Odyssey, Spirit Cruises, Capital Yacht Club, Gangplank Marina, and Potowmack Landing.



## "PIER OF LIGHTS" -A WEEK LONG JUDGING OFFERS VISITORS A "SW WATERFRONT ALIVE WITH LIGHTS"

Inslip boat decorating awards were started to enable those who have already winterized their boats to participate in the Festival.

Participation is limited to boats with slips at the Gangplank Marina and the Capital Yacht Club. Criteria for awards will be the same as those for the boats in the Parade Competition. Boaters will be judged Dec. 14th at 5 p.m.

From December 6 on, visitors to the Southwest Waterfront and its restaurants can enjoy the lighted piers and holiday decorated boats from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. throughout the Holiday Season.

## GRAY LINE TROLLEYS TO CARRY SOUTHWESTER PUBLICITY ON FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

"The Festival of Lights is a community affair," said Washington Waterfront Association president, Diana Mayhew. "The yacht club members have made a big effort to assure the success of this year's event. A large turnout by residents in the Southwest area and downtown, as well as tourists will put The Washington Festival of Lights on a par with Baltimore and Annapolis," she added.

To assure wide coverage, *The Southwester* distribution has been extended to include downtown hotels and tour bus companies

## MARKET SQUARE, LANSBURG AND 601 PENN. AVE RESIDENTS TO ATTEND FESTIVAL

Arrangements have been made to distribute *The Southwester* to the residents of the three new multi-use residential/commercial complexes near the Archives Metro. Market Square, The Lansburgh and The 601 Pennsylvania residents are already forming groups to attend the Festival of Lights.

## SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(November-December 1997)

Nov. 24	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting 7 p.m. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 222 M Street S.W.
Nov. 29	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10 a.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Streets S.W.
Dec. 1	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board 7 p.m. Southeastern University 501 Eye Street S.W.
Dec. 2	Tuesday	D.C. SPECIAL ELECTION FOR AT-LARGE COUNCIL-MEMBER 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. at your voting
Dec. 2	Tuesday	First District MPD Citizen's Advisory Council 7:30 p.m. First District Headquarters 415 Fourth Street S.W.
Dec. 7	Wednesday	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter 4751 Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Pier 7 Restaurant, 650 Water St. SW for info, call 202-554-5503.
Dec. 8	Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D 7:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church 400 Eye Street S.W.
Dec. 9	Tuesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Streets S.W.
Dec. 13	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10 a.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Streets S.W.
Dec. 17	Wednesday	Wiley Branton CDC Board 7 p.m. St. Augustine Church 600 M Street S.W.
Jan. 5	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board 7 p.m. Southeastern University 501 Eye Street S.W.

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# SWNA Surveys Waterside Mall Patrons

by Eliza Stefaniw

During the summer, it became clear to SWNA that in order to find a solution to the problems brought about by the EPA's upcoming departure, we needed to know as much as possible about the Waterside Mall. SWNA, with the help of Jennifer Ray, the SWNA summer business intern, and Rocketa Gillis, the Urban Alliance intern, developed and administered a survey of Waterside Mall patrons during July and August this year.

The survey was developed by Jennifer Ray with some help from this author. The goal of the survey project was to gather information about current shoppers at Waterside Mall. Questions asked about consumer likes and dislikes, as well as suggestions for improvement. Standard household demographic information, such as the information collected in the US Census, was collected to allow the results to be compared to the city, region or entire country and to make the information more useful to businesses who are or may become a part of the Southwest community.

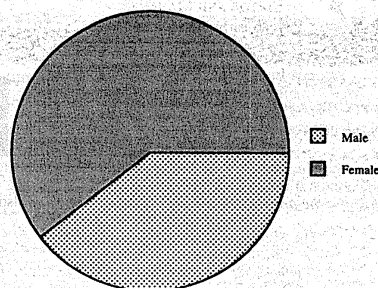
Bresler and Reiner, Inc. allowed the interviewers to administer the survey at the Waterside Mall from the 6th of August to the 13th of August, between the hours of 10am and 9pm. The interviewers, local high school graduates who were funded by DC SummerWorks, were Jacinta Council, Malik Deen, Mary Gillis, Juanita James, Nam Pham, and George Young. Special thanks also go to Rocketa Gillis who entered survey results into the database for analysis.

The survey results are now being analyzed. A total of 167 responses were obtained. Approximately 60% of respondents were women, while 40% were men. The ethnic mix of respondents reflects the diverse neighborhood of Southwest. The majority of respondents were Black (62%), but there were also White (28%), Asian (2%), African (1%), Indian (1%), Hispanic (1%) and other (5%) ethnic groups represented.

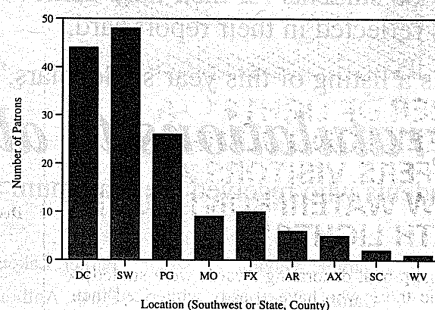
As expected, the majority of Waterside Mall patrons are from Washington. The survey found that currently, approximately 29% of patrons are from here in Southwest. An additional 2% call other parts of the District home, for a total of 55% of respondents. Survey respondents also return home throughout the metropolitan region, including Prince George's Co. (16%), Fairfax Co. (6%), Montgomery Co. (5%), Arlington (4%) and Alexandria (3%). Surprisingly, it seems some respondents also visit the mall from as far away as West Virginia and South Carolina.

Watch The Southwester for further survey results and information about ongoing efforts to save the Waterside Mall.

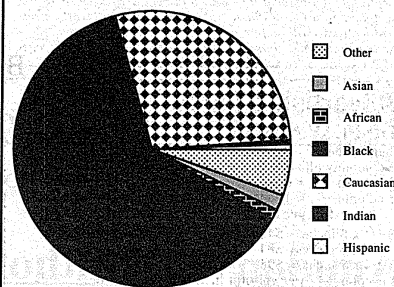
Waterside Mall Patrons, plotted by gender



Waterside Mall Patrons, plotted by address



Waterside Mall Patrons, plotted by ethnicity



Students from Jefferson Junior High School accompanied by their Principal, Vera M. White and Beryl Rice attended the 40th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair "The Jazz Age of Fashion" on Sunday, October 26th at the Kennedy Center.

This affair was sponsored by the Washington DC Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., which is a public-service organization, providing more than 45 years of services and assistance to improve the quality of life for children and youth who have special needs. The Washington DC Chapter is honored to donate its time and money in the spirit of volunteerism to serve youth, school projects, and youth-service organizations in the Washington metropolitan area. This message comes from the President of this Chapter, Ethel B. Lawhon.

## December at Westminster

### Congressional Chorus

#### Christmas Program

Friday, December 19

7:30 P.M.

Admission \$10

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Dr. Michael Patterson,  
the Chorus performs music  
of American composers  
and arrangers.

### Bread & Roses

#### Winter Concert

Saturday, December 20

7:30 P.M.

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performs a cappella music  
with a feminist perspective.

### Christmas Eve

#### Candlelight Service

December 24, 7:30 P.M.

The Christmas story with carols,  
children, flute and soprano soloists.

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#### Presbyterian Church

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# 1996-97 Dollars for Scholars Recipients

Below is a listing of the over 200 Southwest youth who received one or more "Dollars For Scholars" cash awards last school year. The Southwest Community House will be sponsoring the program again this year. This program rewards good students for their hard-earned academic accomplishments, as reflected in their report card.

Below is a listing of this year's "Scholars."

## ***Congratulations to all!***

(\* denotes students who received the maximum award)

### **Amidon**

### **Elementary**

Argueta, Claudia  
Billingsley, Alana\*  
Brown, Lindsey\*  
Brown, Whittni\*  
Fowler, Tiffany\*  
Gallmon, LaNina  
Holman, Camille\*  
Holman, Justin\*  
Hughley, Shanee\*  
James, Steven  
Johnson, Veronica\*  
Lewis, Eric  
McConnell, Andrika  
Miles, Tony\*  
Miller, Gregory\*  
Norde, Carla\*  
Robinson, Brittney\*  
Spriggs, Sharonda  
Vaughn, Ronald  
Vaughn, Ryan  
Vinson, Micah  
Williams, Ronald E.

### **Anthony**

### **Bowen Elementary**

Alderman, Phillip  
Barnett, Shemaka  
Battle, Ayanah  
Battle, Ayah  
Battle, Patricia  
Bostick, Kevin  
Brown, Dana  
Brown, Dario  
Buchanan, Shante \*  
Burgess, Marquita\*  
Burns, Kyra \*  
Byrd, Antawan  
Carter, Michael  
Chase, Danielle  
Clark, Anissa  
Cooke, Taneshia \*  
Cosey, Danelle \*  
Cummings, Constance  
Cunningham, William  
Davis, Nina  
Dunston, Charlotte \*  
Fell, Jerome \*

Gamble, David  
Gamble, Keyvette  
Gamble, Warren  
Gregg, Dontia  
Gregg, Tara \*  
Harris, Chanda  
Harris, Patricia  
Harris, William Jr.  
Hayes, Paul  
Head, Cynthia  
Head, Darryl\*  
Head, LaJuan \*  
Holley, Colin  
Hopkins, Jarvis  
Jackson, Ebony\*  
Jackson, Terrell  
Johnson, Rickia  
Johnson, Tyeshia  
Jones, Brian \*  
King, Jeffrey  
Lanham, Davon  
Lomax, Darius  
Lucas, Iesha  
Mack, Dameka  
Mack, Darnell  
Matthews, Dawarren  
Miles, Te'era  
Mitchell, Roland  
Morris, Cecelia

Parker, Lakeisha\*  
Parks, Anthony  
Powell, Treiana  
Pryce, Sade  
Randolph, Gregory  
Redd, Christine  
Redd, Crystal  
Reynolds, Andrea  
Reynolds, Shunee \*  
Sellers, Darselle  
Smith, Ikeisha \*  
Smith, Monica  
Smith, Monique \*  
Snowden, Jacqueline  
Spencer, Amanda\*  
Spencer, Markia  
Stewart, Keyiana\*  
Tate, Shanika  
Taylor, Shahlavrie  
Thomas, Joseph  
Tunstall, Kenya  
Washington, George  
Washington, Serrita \*  
Watkins, Tamika \*  
Watkins, Tamisha  
White, Christine\*  
Wright, Hollis  
Young, Ciara \*

### **Jefferson Jr. High**

Benbow, Robert  
Brawner, Dontria  
Burns, Tarsha  
Burton, Lakisha  
Chase, L'Erin  
Coleman, Keshell  
Cooke, Carmelita  
Crawford, Octavia  
Crawley, Harold  
Davis, Paris  
Evelyn, Lamis  
Ginyard, Johnika  
Gremi, Grid  
Henderson, Betty  
Howard, Theresia  
Johnson, Devin  
Johnson, Donyell  
Jones, Jamal  
Mack, Wayne  
Marsh, Jacqueline  
McFadden, Ebony  
Miller, Alexis  
Miller, Green III \*



Mitchell, Tamika  
 Mooney, Danielle  
 Moore, Hope S.  
 Norde', Eugenia \*  
 Norris, Charlotte  
 Rouse, Gregory  
 Smith, Chris  
 Smith, Taren  
 Stewart, Wallace  
 Taylor, Clifton  
 Terry, Talia  
 Vinson, Johnathan  
 Ware, Donesha \*  
 Wesley, Clarnette  
 Weston, Rishima  
 Wilkinson, AnJeanette  
 Williams, Peppertina  
 Young, Constance

## Other Schools

Alderman, LaTonya \*  
 Burrell, Anthony  
 Carr, Lakiesha  
 Flythe, Danielle \*  
 Gay, Tamika  
 Goodson, Eric  
 Gray, Brittany  
 Gray, Bryant \*  
 Holt, Kashanda  
 Jeter, Marcus  
 Marshall, Jan'nelle  
 McCoy, Xeandra  
 Parks, Lorraine  
 Paylor, Iran \*  
 Payne, Sydney\*  
 Tolson, Alton  
 Vinson, Gregory Jr.  
 Wainwright, Donshe  
 Wallace, Linnis  
 Williams, Angela  
 Williams, Nikea\*  
 Williams, Porsche  
 Wright, Edward  
 Zigler, Christopher  
 Zigler, Darrick

# Should ANC's Be Eliminated?

The DC Federation of Civic Associations has taken formal action to debate and vote at its general assembly meeting in December whether to recommend to the proper city authorities and committee on ANC's to eliminate altogether the ANC system that exists in this city. The motion was made by the Federation's two former presidents, the Federation's presently held First Vice President, Helen Talley, and a Palisades Civic group's delegate, Dr. Sheila Gray.

This drastic action, rarely taken by the Federation in its 70-year history, is being pushed in light of the recent scandals affecting several ANC's whose officers have been either accused or indicted for misuse of ANC's funds. The former wife of Mayor Barry, who was ANC Chair of her local ANC, is one of those being accused by the U.S. Attorney's office.

Some of the criticisms brought up by individual officers and members of the DC Federation are that some ANC's don't even have monthly meetings, misuse of the funds allocated to them, dilute the role and function of civic associations in the same communities whose groups are made up of unpaid volunteers. Additional criticisms are that the ANC's are used by the Mayor and City Council as political vehicles to further their own candidacies, influence public opinion and affect zoning permissions and licenses through their official "advisory" role.

It was in 1972 that the United States Congress legislated into existence the ANC system as a one-of-a-kind experimental model for the country to observe and evaluate. Never before had the local government allocated funds for local citizen efforts (from \$30,000 to \$100,000 or more a year) to fund the operations of each of the 36 ANC's in the District of Columbia.

Many civic associations in the District have mostly had a long-running feud and competitive posture toward

ANC's since the ANC's came into existence almost 25 years ago. Traditionally, the civic associations have represented citizen's interest and pushed for improved quality of life issues, as volunteers, in their respective communities.

When the ANC's entered the picture, being given "official advisory" roles by the local government, and sums of money to staff their offices, the civic associations began to see a redirection of respect and recognition of its role in the community. Business and other interests refocused their community presentations and requests to the ANC's because of the government's artificially imposed authority. The civic associations have felt that the influence of money, local government politics and artificial "authority" has adversely affected the purer spirit of volunteerism in America. Community activists also feel that Congress' "Home Rule" actions have not enhanced democracy nor participatory government, but actually cut at the heart of civic responsibility of its citizens. ANC supporters point out that the civic groups are jealous, petty and also guilty of some financial indiscretions from time to time.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's executive committee voted at its November 3rd meeting to address and study the issue for recommendation to the DC Federation, for which it is a member, at its next SWNA executive meeting scheduled for December 1st.

There appears to be a respectful working relationship between the local southwest ANC 2D and the community's civic association, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Some tensions have arisen in the past, but appears not to have internal and external problems of many other communities in the District.

However, while the DC Federation recognizes that there are some individual examples of positive community efforts by the two groups, overall, the city's two programs, ANC's and civic association, are counter-productive for the city and individual communities. Federation advocates of the elimination of the ANC's are asking their individual federation delegates to vote for the overall interest of the city even when their local community experience may be tolerable.

[note: the author of this article, Brian Moore, is a former ANC Commissioner and Vice-Chair of ANC 2D, former president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and presently represents the SWNA as one of its six delegates

## Blue Uniforms at AMIDON

By Phillip R. Oliver

On October 14-16, 1997, the usual red, white and grey uniform theme at Amidon Elementary was broken by navy blue and white, as first graders from M.V. Leckie, in far Southwest, made Amidon their temporary home. Students were transported to Amidon on tour busses and enjoyed taking in the spectacular views from I-295 as the busses traveled north along the freeway. Amidon's principal, Ms. Pauline S. Hamlette made three first classes feel quite welcome in comfortable quarters, in the learning center on the second floor of the school. That space was set up by physical education teacher Mr. Terry and was shared with Ms. Carpenter, art teacher and Ms. McCain, third grade teacher, who were more than willing to help out in a pinch. The visiting students were displaced due to repairs being made to the roof of their school. The teaching staff from Leckie, Ms. Porter, Ms. Keith, Ms. Suddreth, Mr. Oliver and aide Ms. Mayfield seemed to enjoy the neatly decorated hallways and spacious play areas of Amidon. The quiet tone of the building made the visitors feel right at home. Two of the guest teachers were seen visiting nearby Waterside Mall during their lunch hour. They seemed delighted with this familiar Southwest amenity. Other students from Leckie went to Anthony Bowen and Patterson, also in Southwest, as well as Turner, M.C. Terrell and Green E.S. in order to facilitate continued learning during the displacement.

On Friday, October 17 1997, students from Leckie were able to return to their own campus. Both students and teachers were grateful for a new experience, but also pleased to return to their own classrooms. That same morning General Julius S. Becton, Superintendent of Schools, along with two from his staff, toured the Leckie facility and inspected repairs to the building. Now after a hectic week, things appear to be back to normal.

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## Cavaliers

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The Cavalier Athletic/Benevolent Club was established in 1955 by Leon Fields (see article in this issue). It is much more than a social club - although the members are very close. It is a club which looks where help is needed and provides that aid. Do Southwest youths need tutoring, basketball uniforms, scholarships for college? They are right there. Schools need supplies, they donate books. Do some senior citizens need extra food around the holidays? The Cavaliers are right there pitching in. They participate in the Senior Day and Picnic - donations are welcomed. They are active participants with the Southwest House. The Boys & Girls Club is a recipient of lots of help from the Cavaliers. Mrs. Karen Purl donates her time for the Bowen School Library. I could go on and on.

This is a short update of a pro-active club, which was reviewed in the April, 1997 issue of the paper. They are looking for new members. If you like to help people, have a little free time and would be interested in learning more about the Cavaliers, call the secretary, Herbert Homes, 202/479-4490.

## Kaiser Kids Program

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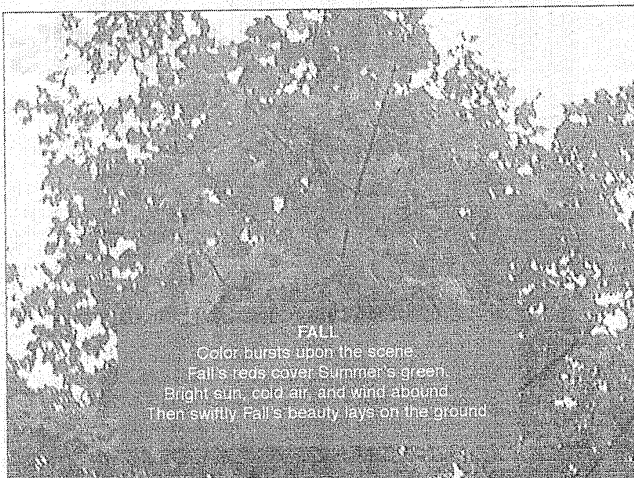
Does your child live in the District of Columbia?

Is your child ineligible for Medicaid?

If you answered YES to these three questions, your child may be eligible for the Kaiser Kids Program co-sponsored by the Alliance for Medical Care and Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States. Kaiser Kids Program will help low-income parents that are ineligible for Medicaid program pay the cost of a health insurance policy for their children. The Alliance has joined with Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States to offer complete health insurance policies to 500 uninsured District children this year. The policies will cost \$10.00 a month to cover one child or \$20.00 a month to cover more than one child in a family.

If you have any questions, or you would like to apply for the program, please contact Project Coordinator Abbie Miller at (202) 898-5173.

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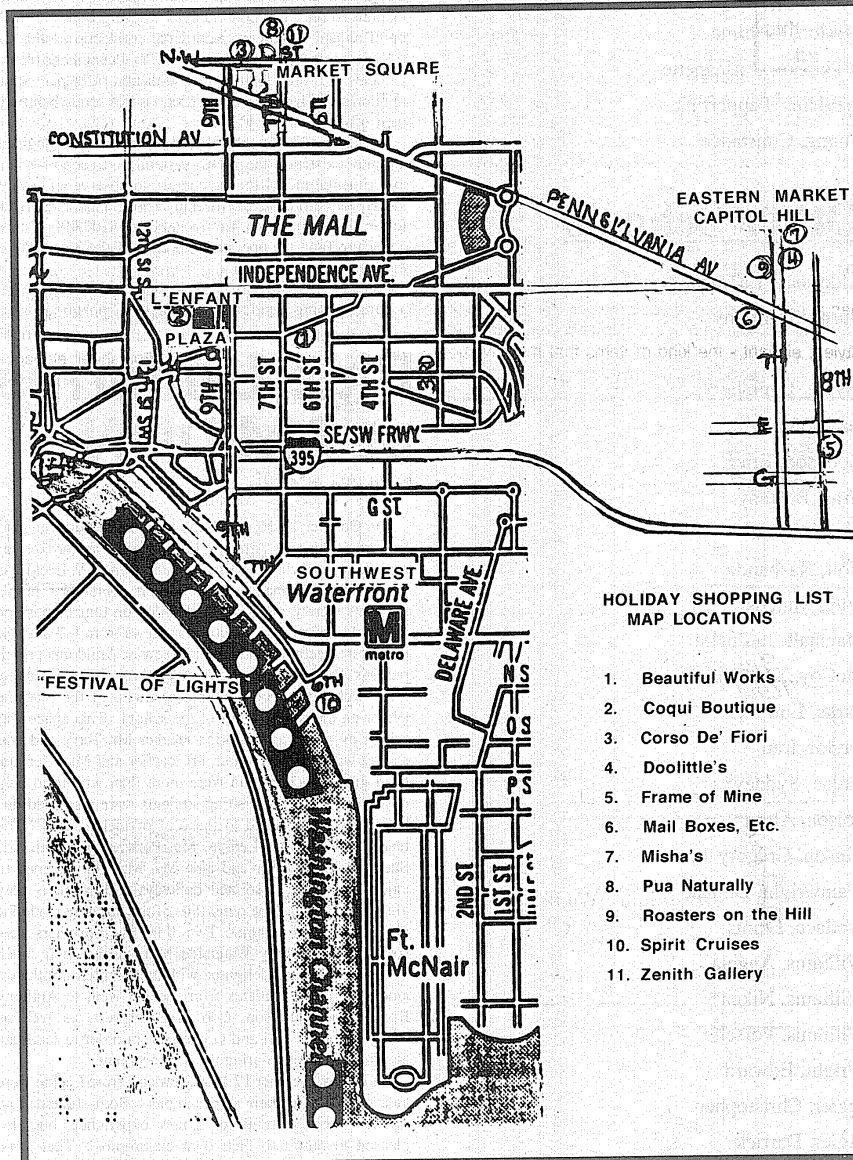
## FALL

Color bursts upon the scene

Fall's reds cover Summer's green

Bright sun, cold air, and wind abound

Then swiftly Fall's beauty lays on the ground.



### HOLIDAY SHOPPING LIST MAP LOCATIONS

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9. Roasters on the Hill
10. Spirit Cruises
11. Zenith Gallery

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## HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Article by  
Joan D. Tierney

Since this is the season for Gift Giving, *Southwest Lifestyles* scouted the neighborhood for ideas and good products that reflect that special touch many people look for when buying a present. It is a time of year when local retail shops, theaters, galleries and restaurants look for your support. Whether you are having a great party, looking for a great gift, or planning a great getaway, here are some places that could end your search. And they are all local, most a short walk and some just a metro stop away.

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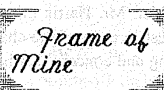
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## Checking Out Santa Claus

They say one fat man in a bright red suit  
Comes down every chimney loaded with loot  
And travel by a reindeer-pulled sleigh to boot  
This man is Santa Claus

Although there was no one of whom I  
was fonder  
As I grew older my thoughts did wander  
To the point where I began to seriously ponder  
The tale's about Mr. Claus

As fat as he appeared to be  
How could he fit into a chimney  
And how did he know where every child  
would be  
You can understand my concern

So I decided upon a plan  
To find out about this mystery man  
I asked Mom and Dad to lend a hand  
Surely they would help me to learn

We put a camera on the roof to catch the deer and sleigh  
We fixed up a place where I could lay  
And a snack to keep the jolly man that way  
Everything had to be just right

He had to stop here, I knew he would.  
He could not pass up a child who had been  
so good.  
My eyes stayed open as long as they could  
I would see him for myself this night

Awaking with a start and disappointing surprise  
Sunlight shining into my eyes  
I knew sleep had cheated me out of my prize  
I had woke up to broad day light

But everything suggested that he had been there  
All of my presents lay under the tree with care  
That snack plate was clean and bare  
Lots of thoughts ran through my head

My Daddy said there were tracks on the roof  
Left by a sleigh and possible deer hoof  
My Daddy always told me the truth  
Plus Mama agreed with everything he said

Now, I truly believe that:  
A fat man in a bright red suit  
Really does come down every chimney loaded with loot  
And he travels by reindeer-pulled sleigh to boot  
His name is Santa Claus



## Book Review

### Wallace Babington "If This World Were Mine"

by E. Lynn Harris

A remarkable young man has written a remarkable novel that has stayed on the New York Times best seller list for months. He is a E. Lynn Harris: young, black, gay and successful. His previous novels have all been well received, but none have been given the attention garnered by this one.

"If This World Were Mine" tells the stories of four friends who remain in touch through regular meetings and diaries. The friends are radically different one from another; but all share a deep and abiding friendship that is maintained despite the conflicts and life-style changes that occur as they grow older. Mr. Harris manages to maintain the reader's interest in each of the characters and creates a mood of caring and concern that is a tribute to his skill as a writer.

In a recent interview in Washington Mr. Harris revealed an insight into his own life: "My life is truly blessed. I know where the blessings come from." He is aware of his phenomenal success, but notes: "I still need you to pray for me - pray that I'll remain humble."

"If This World Were Mine" is available at the Southwest Branch Library.

## Wintry Snow

By Sydney Payne  
(St Peter's Elementary School Student)

Snow Falling On The Ground  
Doesn't Make A Sound  
Even Though The Wind Spins It eRound And eRound  
And When You Go Outside, You Slide And Slide And Slide  
And When You Go Inside, You Need A Broom Real Wide  
To Brush Away-All That Snow!!!!

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now reached Capitol Hill. As reported in the November issue of the Southwester, D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton has endorsed this effort and is asking the EPA and the General Services Administration to assist Southwest in making a smooth post-EPA transition. (See page 9 for the complete text of Delegate Norton's letter.) Other contributions, at press time, include a \$2,000 pledge from Ward Two Council Member Jack Evans and \$2,000 from Waterside Mall merchant Senate Cleaners.

Pledges now total nearly \$40,000, and proposals for thousands more dollars are in the pipeline. It is hoped that the funds necessary to begin the study will be raised within the next few weeks. An update of the fundraising effort will be presented at the next SWNA community-wide meeting on November 24.





HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 27, 1997

Dear Friend:

I am writing about an urgent matter affecting the future of our city. The Southwest Waterfront community, one of our strongest and most diverse neighborhoods, is in jeopardy. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been headquartered at the Waterside Mall in that community for over two decades. Now, the EPA is in the process of moving to a new headquarters downtown. At present, the federal government has no plans to find a replacement tenant for the Waterside Mall.

The economic and social impact of the EPA's move could be devastating. The EPA occupies more than 1 million square feet of office space at the site, with nearly 4,500 employees working at the Waterside Mall. Many small businesses in the area depend on the EPA's presence there and may be forced to close. In addition, property values and the housing market in the neighborhood could decline. In short, the EPA's move could devastate the Southwest Waterfront community.

I am already working with Southwest Waterfront community leaders to help find a solution to this impending crisis. The first step is to assemble a nationally-recognized group of real estate and land use experts from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to meet with civic leaders and community stakeholders, provide an objective, independent assessment of the situation, and make recommendations on the Southwest Waterfront community's future. I will be one of the cosponsors of this Advisory Services Panel.

I write to make a personal appeal to you, as a community leader and concerned citizen, to contribute to this effort. While the ULI panelists will contribute one week of their time "pro bono," the costs of travel, meals and lodging, printing the report, and other related expenses are \$100,000. We must raise these funds from our Washington area supporters in order to conduct this vital, practical analysis. The ULI Panel's report and recommendations can serve as the blueprint for a partnership between the federal government, the private sector, and the Southwest Waterfront community to save the Waterside Mall and improve the neighborhood. I urge you to send your contributions to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at 426 O Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. If you have further questions regarding this effort, please call Dr. Marc Weiss, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, at (202) 554-7440.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Holmes Norton

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## Noted

Eudora Winters, a long-time resident of Southwest, died October 22, 1997. She was membership chair of the SW unit of the League of Women Voters, and was an active member of Christ Methodist Church. She resided at Harbor Square. She was a teacher and principal in the DC Public School System.

-Submitted by Grace Savage 10-28-97

## Girl Scout Troop 3228

ALL GIRLS (grades 2-6) who are interested in making new friends, going places, having fun, and doing community service, are invited to join Girl Scout Troop #3228. Activities include parties, field trips, arts and crafts, and camping. To join Troop 3228 for the November camping trip, you must become a member by Nov. 1.

The Troop meets at St. Dominics, Saturday mornings, 10:30 a.m. until Noon, in the Parish Meeting Room. For further information, please stop by, or call the Troop Leader, Bridget Gonzales (202-488-3463).

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## Letters

With all due respect to those who want the benches restored to the waterfront promenade, may I present an objection. Those of us who live near or on the water are delighted the benches weren't replaced in the repair work. Why? Rats and slobes. Yes, live, nasty, vicious, disease-carrying rats. And people totally disrespectful of No Litter signs, eating shrimp and fast foods and leaving their debris all over the place, too lazy to put it in the trash barrels when they aren't already overflowing because trash pickup seems to have been cut to once every two or three weeks.

While the idea of the benches was good, many of those who visit the promenade couldn't care less about maintaining the premises in a clean and neighborly fashion. No, all too many were, to be polite, slobes who littered the area, then simply walked away leaving their unconsumed food and containers all over the place. That was, at the very least, unsightly and unneighborly, and at worst it attracted rats, which strewn the debris wherever those strollers would have liked to walk but gave up in disgust.

There's absolutely no reason to think things will be any better with new benches. There were No Litter signs there, but few paid any attention to them. On one occasion, I pointed that out to a couple dropping shrimp shells on the promenade. The man said menacingly and rudely, "I got better things to do," and looked like he would have hit me if I hadn't been accompanied by a man large enough to be a defensive end on the Redskins.

The National Park Service used to pick up the masses but only once a week, so you can imagine what it looked like the other days. But Park Service doesn't come around any more and I don't know who's supposed to do it now. Every couple of weeks somebody does empty the trash barrels, but you can imagine what it's like in between.

This past summer was a delight for everyone who likes to stroll the waterfront because there was no debris. If you want to sit down, go to one of the restaurants and sit outside and order a drink of ice coffee or ice tea. But please don't bring back the benches and the slobes, the rats and the unsanitary mess.

### To the Editor:

I am writing to commend the management of our local SAFEWAY store for the very evident improvements they have instituted. The store is less cluttered, much cleaner and more tidy. As in the past, most of the employees are helpful and want to be of service. Evidently Management has enabled them to do more.

Some problems remain. The ventilation needs to be improved, especially in the front of the store. The checkout lines, although shorter than previously, need further improvement, and some of my friends complain of the quality of the produce. All in all, though, the Safeway store now is a better place to shop.

It's in the best interest of all of us to patronize the Waterside Mall shops, for they will not be able to survive without greater local patronage. With the recent improvements at Safeway I urge my neighbors to shop there instead of driving to the more glitzy grocery emporia: the grass is not that much greener there.

## PROFESSIONAL TUTORING

Vernice Howard

Again this year, Second Baptist Church, S.W. and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly provided professional tutoring for student members of Second Baptist Church, S.W., and students in the southwest area on Sept. 13 and 27 and Oct. 11 and 25. Dr. Eugene Williams was in charge and students I grades 3,4,5,6 were tutored for the proficiency tests in math and English. The students in 7,8,9,10,11 grades were tutored for the PSAT and SAT assessment tests to prepare them for college. Dr. Williams was also in charge. This service was free to students, only a five dollar (\$5.00) registration fee was charged. Students who could not afford the \$5.00 were provided a sponsor who paid for them.

Because of the delay in school opening in D.C., the group was rather small this year. We depend heavily on Amidon and Bowen Elementary Schools and Jefferson Junior High School and of course the high schools that southwest students attend.

## SOUTHWEST CHAMBER SERIES TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS

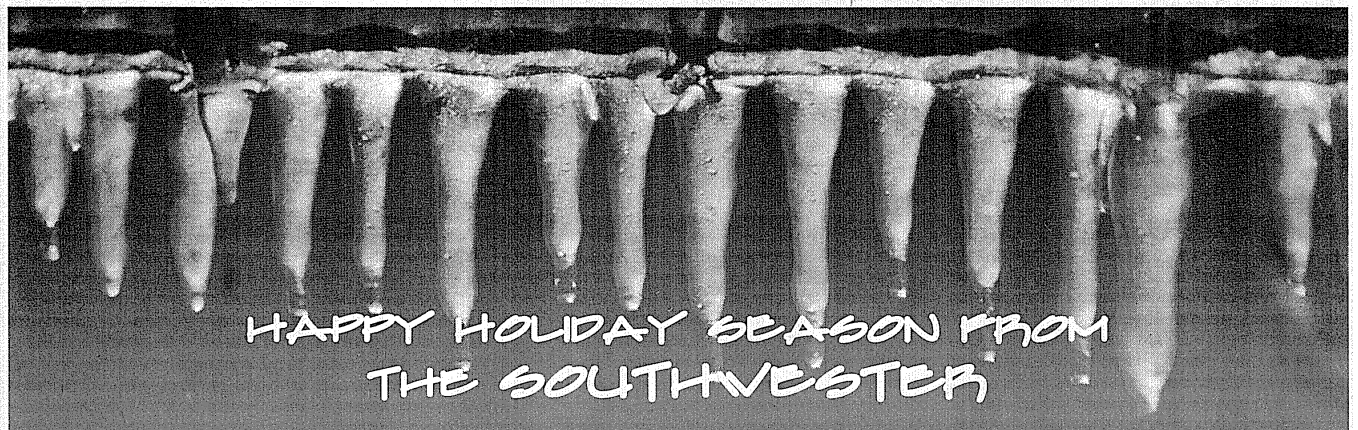
Completing its first year in grand style, the Southwest Chamber Music Concert Series will present its eighth and last program of 1997 on Wednesday evening, December 17, at Saint Augustine's Church, Maine Avenue and 6th Street. Following a prelude of recorder music by the Ironwood Ensemble, the concert proper will begin at 7:30.

Unlike the group's regular chamber concerts throughout the year, this one will involve the audience, who will be asked (but not pressed) to join in singing some simple Bach chorales and unusual carols. The repertoire will range from medieval Welsh

and Spanish carols through Bach, Handel, and Pachelbel to the lovely 12th-century carols "O Holy Night" and "In the Bleak Midwinter," with much more in between. We hope that everyone who comes will join in.

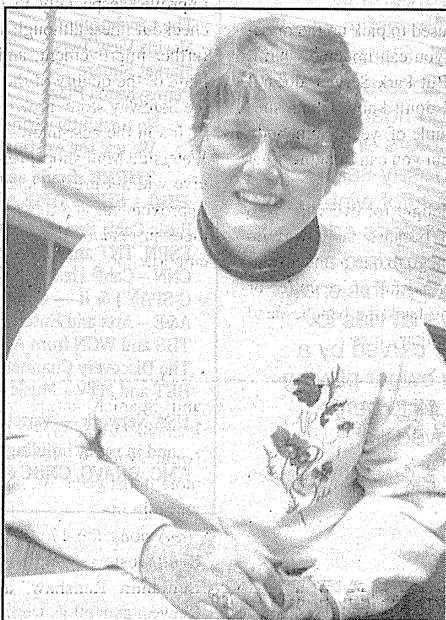
Among the 17 performers will be a number of Southwesterners: soprano Joyce Bouvier, tenor Benjamin Renshaw, and baritone Willie Lloyd Reeves, as well as trumpeter Paul Weiss and pianist David Ehrlich. Nearby Capitol Hill will be represented by Bruce Crane and his cohorts in the Ironwood Recorder Ensemble. Others involved include viola Nicholas Fobe, cellist Robin Finesmith, flutists Carl Blackwell and Eiko Adachi, clarinet Jerry Schwarz, and harp Janet Krones.

As with all the concerts of this series, admission is free, although a small donation is requested to defray the expenses. Come one, come all, and join this joyous celebration of the holiday season.





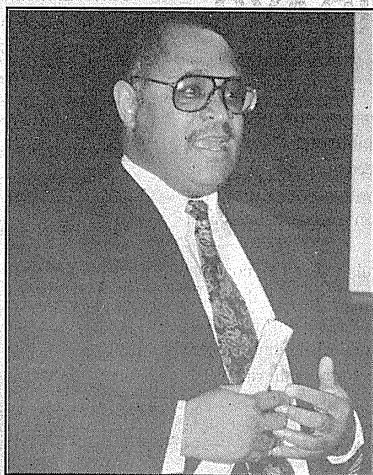
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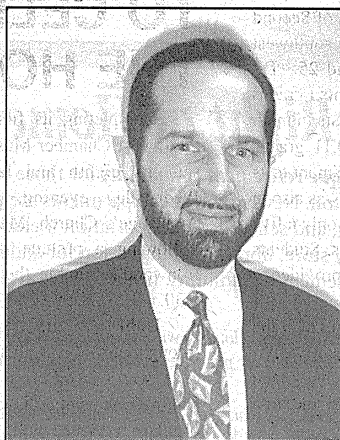
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**Speaker at SWNA meeting in St.  
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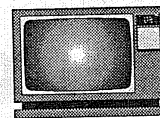
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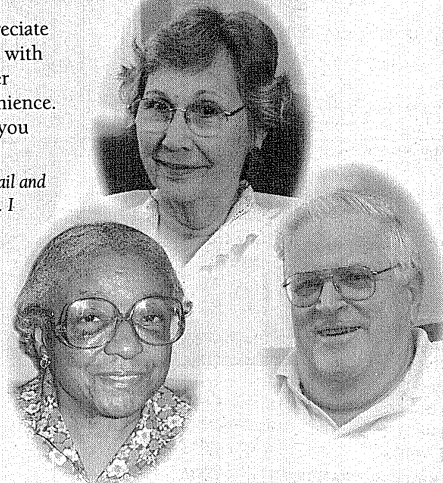
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